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HUMCO COVID COUNT

TESTS

87,892

CASES

3,885

RECOVERED

3,636

HOSPITALIZED

164

DEATHS

38

VAX DOSES

90,976

PARTLY VAXXED

16.53%

FULLY

28.66%

Monday, May 3: ORANGE TIER: Moderate risk – Some indoor business operations are open with modifications

ARCATA TRACKING RISE IN PROPERTY CRIME, VIOLENCE



ARCATA ALTAR A makeshift altar on G Street for a recent stabbing victim. MOONLIGHT MACUMBER | UNION

Civilian oversight getting serious

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – Arcata's Public Safety Committee took tangible steps last week to developing civilian police oversight in Arcata. It also heard alarming news of a pronounced year-over-year jump in crime – both violent and property crime cases.

With Chair Lettie Dyer absent and Vice Chair Jesse Lopez having resigned, Melissa Lazon was elected to the vice chair position, and conducted the meeting.

Crime rising

The first item of business, Police Chief Brian Ahearn's

SAFETY ♦ PAGE 4

Role of social work in policing evolves

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County Sheriff Billy Honal will seek funding for a new collaboration between his deputies and Department of Health and Human Services social workers as discussions on police reform continue here and nationwide.

Honsal proposed the inclusion of social workers in a variety of police responses as the Board of Supervisors discussed Senate Bill 271, the Sheriff Democracy and Diversity Act. It's a state bill that seeks to remove standard law enforcement experience, training and certification as requirements to run for county sheriff.

Proponents of the bill say the requirements limit candidates and result in candidates running unopposed.

The bill also promotes experience beyond policing and when asked about that, Honsal said he envisions social workers playing a key role in police responses.

"What we want to do is have mobile outreach for those times when someone is having a mental health crisis," he continued. "When there's no danger and they're not threatening with weapons, they're not threatening to harm themselves but they would love to be able to speak with someone – we do have those calls from time to time."

Social workers can also be helpful on domestic violence calls. "After everything's been defused, to have someone come in and talk to the kids and the families after the fact is definitely worthwhile," Honsal said, adding that an "avenue of funding" from the county is hoped-for.

He told supervisors he'll present a budget proposal for the police/social worker collaboration within the next year.

The discussion on SB 271 was agendized by supervisors Michelle Bushnell and Rex Bohn, who proposed sending a letter of opposition to it.

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Nasty COVID variant arrives in Humboldt Case surge traced to Eureka church

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT – Even as vaccine-induced optimism grows, Humboldt County's health officer has said that "we're not out of the woods yet" with COVID-19, which could spread and sicken people more severely if a newly-detected variant takes hold.

At an April 28 news conference, Health Officer Dr. Ian Hoffman followed up on the county's announcement earlier in the week that a coronavirus strain known as B.1.1.7 or the UK variant had been detected in a sample submitted for analysis in early April.

So far the UK variant has only

shown up in one sample but Hoffman said there's suspicion of "many more" cases linked to the more transmissible and deadlier strain.

"The UK variant is the fastest-growing variant in California, currently," he continued.

The county is awaiting genomic sequencing results of samples from the last few weeks for further insight on the variant's presence.

Hoffman said the positive sample is not associated with travel or a large event, suggesting community spread. The UK variant has likely been spreading "weeks, if not months" prior to April.

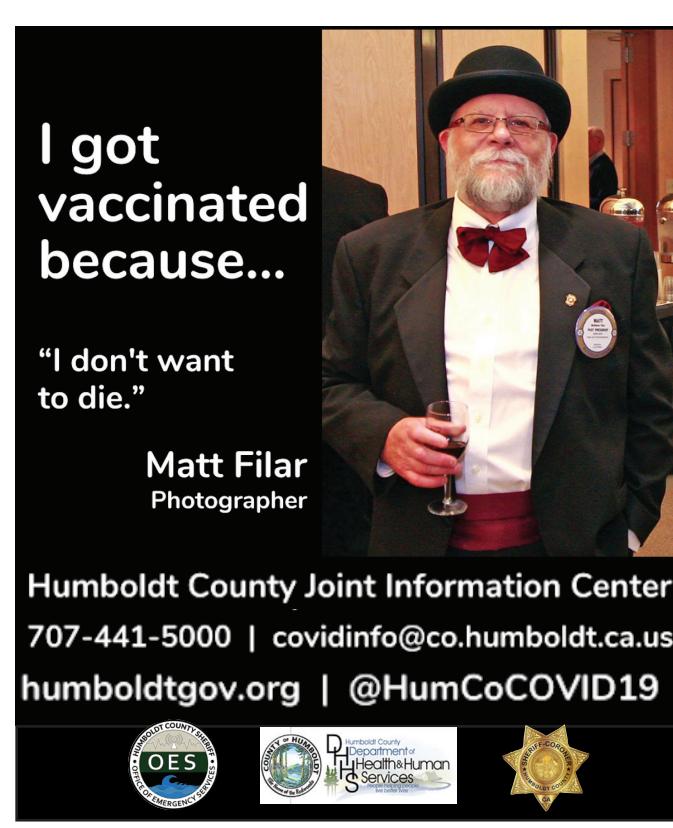
He had begun his presentation by saying that there's been "a bit of a change in COVID the last couple of weeks," with rises in cases and hospitalizations.

More than 40 recent cases are linked to a "superspreader event" among the congregation of Eureka The Pentecostal Church and Hoffman said dozens more cases are "off-shoots" from subsequent contacts.

The UK variant isn't believed to be linked to the superspreader event but due to the speed of spread and spike in hospitalizations, Hoffman is "highly suspicious" that a high-risk variant strain is involved.

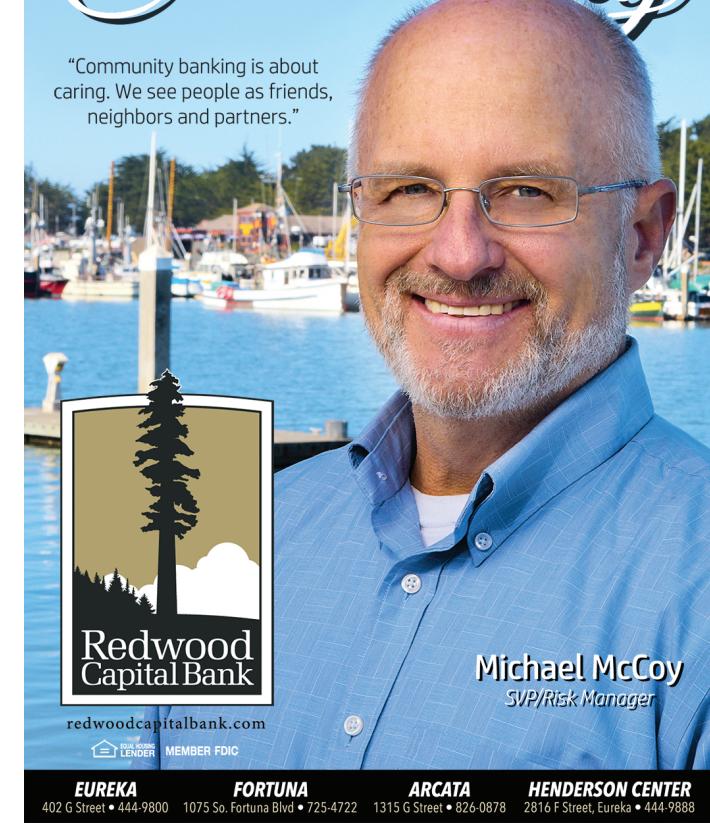
"With our case counts rising and our hospitalizations rising, it really

COVID ♦ PAGE 4



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"I don't want to die."
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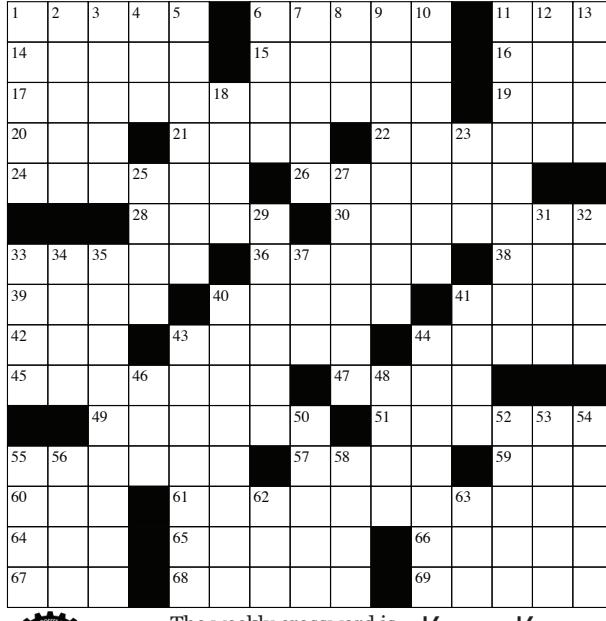
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ACROSS

1. Stickum
6. Old hat
11. Frothy beverage
14. Up and about
15. Rankled
16. Period of time
17. Newcomer's 1712 invention
19. Compete
20. Afternoon gathering
21. Words in a ratio
22. Maddens
24. Passionate
26. Idea
28. Bosc or Bartlett
30. Spun
33. Covers a floor
36. Knowledgeable
38. Amerindian
39. Ended in ___; had no winner
40. Mine entries
41. Fine
42. Dustcloth
43. Salty substance
44. Fracture
45. First of 50, alphabetically
47. Student's home, for short
49. Ethical principles
51. Immature
55. Contest before the main one, for short
57. Severeid or Close
59. Depot: abbr.
60. Race
61. Prohibitionist
64. Social insect
65. Diplomat
66. Distributed 52
67. Oui
68. Laurel and others
69. Girls' names

DOWN

1. Dinner in Rome, predictably
2. Showy flower
3. Word with in or bed
4. Juan's relative
5. Weasels
6. Two cups
7. Odorless gas
8. Enjoy the slopes
9. Capitol group
10. Adam or Eve
11. Exciting trip
12. Hideaway
13. Facial features
18. This, to 4 Down
23. Region in India
25. Dull sword
27. Spoke to a group
29. ___ tires
31. Singer ___ James
32. Writing table
33. Novel estate
34. Eur. language
35. Anatomical tissues
37. Take the prize
40. Stockpile of military weapons
41. Salvation ___
43. Minerals used in paint
44. Rich cloth
46. So. Am. nation
48. Final notice
50. St. Elizabeth Ann ___
52. Main religion in Indonesia
53. Engraved pillar
54. Male animals
55. Say the "Our Father"
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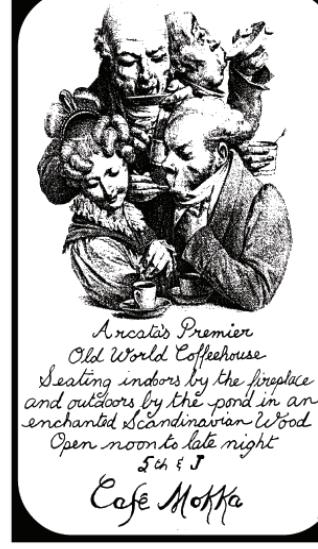
DUDS DISTRICT Underground streetwear store District 7 recently held its soft opening at 833 H St. on the Arcata Plaza. Above, owner Sebastian Laska and Cirque Schlagenhauf with with Main Street's Shoshanna. thedistrict7.com

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❖ PERFECT FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Asparagus Fritters with Curried Mayo

Have you ever seen an asparagus bed? No, that's not a trick question, they do grow in "beds" and they are finicky growers, I've tried.

So when you see local asparagus available, grab it up and thank your neighbor for bringing this delectable spring vegetable in the world, because it isn't easy to get started.

However, once they are going, they will last for years. Kind of a metaphor for being a mom!

Moms take care of us as babies, as toddlers, as teenagers and even as adults.

It's kind of pathetic that we only allocate one day a year to officially thank them, so make it a hearty and heartfelt one!

Asparagus fritters sound fancy but they are really simple and delicious.

If curry isn't your thing, dollop sour cream on top and sprinkle some chives to make it look pretty. Your mom deserves it!

Asparagus Fritters with Curried Mayo

(makes 8 three-inch fritters)

1 bunch asparagus, tough ends snapped off
1 egg, beaten
1/2 cup flour (GF works fine)
1/2 teaspoon salt
several grinds of pepper
1/4 cup grated hard



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Kirsten Lindquist

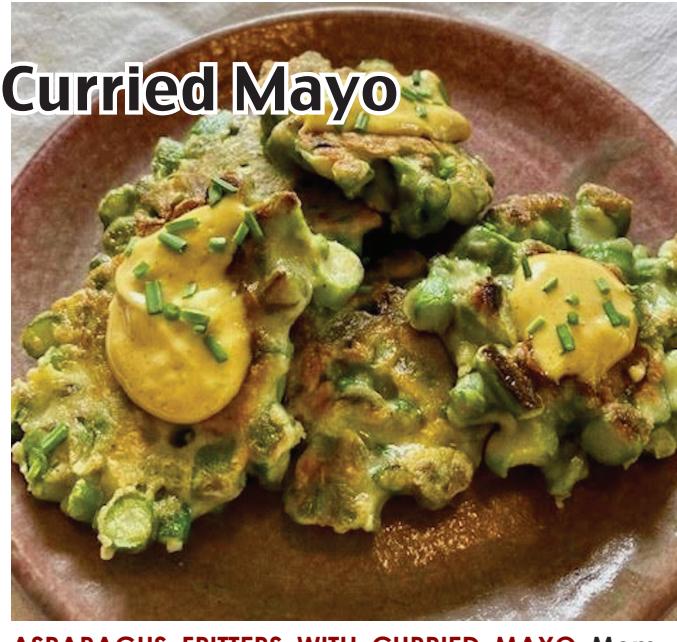
(parmesan, pecorino, asiago)
Oil for frying
Curried Mayo
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 - 1 teaspoon curry powder
Juice from half small lemon
Small pinch smoked paprika

In a large saute (cast iron) pan bring enough water to a simmer so asparagus can float. Add asparagus and simmer for 3 minutes.

Drain and immediately immerse in cold water. This step can be done in advance up to 2 days before making the fritters. While asparagus cooks, combine ingredients for curried mayo and refrigerate.

Chop asparagus in 1/2 inch pieces and place in a medium mixing bowl. Add egg, flour, cheese and salt and pepper and mix well. It should create a light batter that only partially coats the asparagus pieces but they stick together.

Heat a saute pan over medium low heat for 10 minutes. Add enough oil to cover the bottom well and spoon in fritters,



ASPARAGUS FRITTERS WITH CURRIED MAYO Mom, I made you something!

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about 2 tablespoons each, spreading them out into a single layer of chopped asparagus.

Cook 4-5 minutes per

side until browned. Keep cooked ones in the oven at 200 degrees. Serve with curried mayo.

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Transportation survey yields results useful in future planning

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

HUMBOLDT — The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities has released the results of a survey of Humboldt County residents about how they get around their communities, and how they feel about the transportation options available to them.

The results show that how people use and perceive the local transportation system depends to a certain extent on where they live in the county. However, many opinions cross geographical boundaries.

"This is valuable and timely information with the County working on its Climate Action Plan," said Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone. "It helps inform transportation planning for our entire community. For instance, the information collected in this study suggests that McKinleyville will need a much-improved transit system before folks will choose to use it. We can do that, and this

information will help support that effort."

"The coalition's survey is an excellent example of citizen science and a demonstration of its commitment to gathering critical information needed to support data-driven and evidence-based decision-making," said Dr. Andrea Hamre, research associate at the Western Transportation Institute, which was not involved with the survey. "One of the clear takeaways from the survey responses is the community's appetite for safer and more convenient sustainable transportation options. In U.S. transportation planning, we often assume driving is the preferred default mode for most people and make investments accordingly. This survey provides important evidence to counter that narrative in Humboldt County and support a re-imagining of transportation investment prioritization."

Some of the key findings of the survey include:

- Residents overwhelmingly enjoy walking and biking and want to do more of those things and less driving. However, residents prioritize convenience, time, comfort and safety when making mode choices, and often rank local non-car options low on these criteria. Residents broadly want to see better bike, pedestrian, and public transit systems developed locally.

- Currently, driving is the most common mode of transportation, but most respondents also get around as a pedestrian or by bike daily or at least once a week.

- People of different genders and ages use the local transportation system differently. Women ride the bus and/or carpool more frequently than men, and walk and/or bike less frequently. Older residents drive, carpool and/or ride the bus less frequently than younger residents.

- Perceptions of the transportation system vary by gender, age, race/ethnicity, income and dis-

ability status.

- Women are less likely than men to consider walking, biking and riding the bus as safe and easy ways to get around.

- Older residents are less likely to consider walking and biking as easy and convenient and more likely to have positive perceptions of car ownership and driving.

- People of color reported more positive perceptions of biking and riding the bus than did White/Non-Hispanic people.

- Lower-income residents like biking, but don't consider it as safe as higher-income residents do. Lower-income residents are less likely to consider driving pleasant or affordable and more likely to find current bus schedules inconvenient.

- Residents with disabilities are less likely than residents with no disabilities to consider most modes of transportation safe, easy, convenient or pleasant. Residents with disabilities want to ride the bus more often but often

have negative perceptions around public transit.

- Reasons for choosing a transportation mode vary by gender, race/ethnicity, and income.

- People of color are more likely to prioritize environmental impact in their mode choice decisions.

- Lower-income residents, women and people of color are more likely to prioritize cost in mode choice decisions.

The coalition hosted the online survey in both English and Spanish from Feb. 8 through March 15, 2021. The survey was promoted through email, social media, and local news outlets. 128 Humboldt County residents responded.

Detailed summaries of the survey's findings are available at transportationpriorities.org. Raw survey data are available upon request, on the condition that no personally identifiable information of survey respondents be published.

transportationpriorities.org

Safety | Studying options for civilian review

FROM PAGE 1

Crime rising

"Dashboard Report" — a monthly summary of incidents logged by Arcata Police — brought bad news. Arcata is experiencing double digit increases in violent crime and property crime compared to this time last year. And that wasn't even counting the recent stabbing death on G Street, which will be included in next month's figures.

Assault cases are driving the increase, Ahearn said, with 48 logged this year over last year's 34 for the same monthly period from late February to late March. But they generally aren't random acts of violence, rather, they're "purposeful, intentional" acts, Ahearn said, among people who know each other.

"They could be spur of the moment, but they involved people in disagreements that escalates to use of weapons," he said.

Ahearn suggested that with reopening, people with grudges are re-encountering each other, and succumbing to the impulse to settle scores with whatever implements are lying around.

"Weapons are all across the board, from broaches to wood, baseball bat, handgun and metal pipes," he said. "It's usually what's available to the suspect at the time."

Only more isolation is likely to stem the surge. "I see this trend continuing unless we have another pandemic, which I'm not hopeful for," Ahearn said.

Valley West is emerging as a crime hotspot, with Carlson Park on the banks of the Mad River a particular problem.

The park, which the city is fashioning into a unique recreational spot with river access, has become overrun and dominated

by homeless campers.

The campers, whose tents dot the landscape, are degrading the environment there with social trails, trees cut down leaving jagged stumps, strange and erosive excavation projects, and — despite repeated cleanups by the city and the PacOut Green Team — widespread stashes of garbage and waste.

"There's lots of cover," Ahearn said. "It's a very risky place to be under cover of night," he said.

Ahearn said the riverbank hosts a criminal cohort which uses the area as a base camp from which to enter the greater Valley West community and commit crimes. On an everyday basis, this might include shoplifting and other petty crime. Unfortunately, it goes much further, according to Ahearn.

"They're stabbing people, shooting people and beating them with wood," he said.

One recent attack occurred within the park, when one individual shot another between the eyes with a pellet gun. Acting as a Good Samaritan, someone brought the injured person out to a nearby store, but the helpful citizen turned out to be the suspected assailant.

A recent shooting near Valley West's hotels was over a drug debt, with the two suspects fleeing after hiding the gun in shrubbery. One suspect surrendered the next day, and the other was located in Marin County and returned to Humboldt, where he is facing charges of attempted murder.

City Manager Karen Diemer confirmed that city workers are often required to enter the area only in pairs for their safety.

She noted that the park was created as environmental mitigation for a Caltrans project, and that areas there require continuous

monitoring. The city is moving forward with initiatives to restore and develop the park for its intended recreational use. A grant is in the works to hire John Shelter's New Directions organization to conduct cleanups and connect homeless individuals with services.

Other grants will be used to develop recreational space and an ADA-compliant boat launch.

Town-wide through March 11, APD logged a 46 percent increase in property crime over last year. People who make a living by thievery are taking whatever is available, Ahearn said.

Bicycles are being stolen, as are packages left on porches. Vehicles are being raided of property, whether they're locked or not. Thieves are breaking car windows to rummage for valuables under seats and in glove compartments, leaving the vehicle owner with a costly window repair bill.

"We have our work cut out for us on this front," Ahearn said.

Civilian police oversight

The committee moved ahead to ascertain the possibility of conducting civilian police review. Depending on legalities, this could allow the committee to audit APD officers' conduct following a complaint, and after an internal affairs (IA) investigation.

Ahearn supports civilian oversight in principle, but reality-checked the committee with several cautions.

First, the city attorney would have to determine how much access civilians could have to confidential and personnel records in a general law city such as Arcata.

The committee would also have to define its goals. "What would rise to level of investigation by the panel?" Ahearn wondered.

Committeemember Anjalai Browning

said the goal is more transparency and fairness, and whether complaints were addressed fairly. Ahearn suggested that excessive force complaints might be of interest. He said up to five complaint-driven IA investigations may occur in a year, though some years go by with no complaints.

With law enforcement careers "hanging in the balance," Ahearn said, any civilian police review committee would require extensive — and costly — training and support.

To properly review and adjudicate complaints and follow-through, the overseers would have to undergo ongoing training to understand police policies and procedures. This would involve time spent by salaried staff, and possibly outside personnel.

Some civilian review models in use by other cities involve use of paid city staff-members. Any review board would also require office space, equipments and supplies, as well as administrative support.

"All that comes with a price tag," Ahearn said. It will be up to the City Council to decide the level of financial support and what will be possible. "It's a big lift," Ahearn said. But, he added, "We can do this, if it's the will of the council."

Throughout country, he said, communities are demanding independent oversight not connected to their police departments, and he supports properly configured civilian review in principle.

"I'm not sure where Arcata is on this, but we'll find out," Ahearn said. "I completely support it, but we have to build it right... I don't want all of you to be accused of being the rubber stamp for the police department."

The subcommittee charged with studying the matter is to further review options and report back to the main committee.

HCSO | Candidate requirements

FROM PAGE 1

Bohn said the bill's provisions won't work in smaller rural counties and doesn't make sense "unless you're trying to tip the scales politically."

Bushnell said rural counties need hands-on, working sheriffs who have experience and can participate in patrolling. "With this bill, we can lose that," she continued.

Honsal noted that the state's law enforcement associations oppose the bill. He said standard-setting for entry level officers is increasing and should be carried into management.

A public comment period only had one participant who believes approval of SB 271 will mark progress.

"Police don't keep us safe, as we know from our friends in the black, brown, LGBTQ and poor communities," she said, adding that the candidacy requirements work to "sustain the elite power structure and status quo, running counter to the changes necessary for healthy, safe communities."

Supervisors took varied stances on the bill. Supervisor Mike Wilson said he's not ready to take a position, describing the bill as a work in progress.

But Supervisor Steve Madrone said he has confidence in the judgment of voters and supports the bill as it stands now.

Board Chair Virginia Bass joined Bohn and Bushnell in voting to send a letter opposing the bill to a legislative committee chaired by Senator Mike McGuire.

Madrone voted against doing so and Wilson abstained from the vote.

COVID | Arcata looking forward to outdoor activities

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emphasizes that we are definitely not out of the woods yet with COVID," he said.

The UK variant apparently doesn't have the heightened antibody resistance that would make vaccines less effective.

But other variants — including at least one that's circulating in Humboldt County — have elevated resistance to antibodies.

The strategy is to achieve mass vaccination as quickly as possible, reducing the spread that promotes viral evolution and adaptation to immune pressure.

Vaccination is progressing but Hoffman said that "we still have large portions of our society who are vulnerable to this disease, because they either haven't been vaccinated or maybe they were never exposed to it — or even, they were exposed to a different variant

and a new exposure could continue to get them sick and allow them to spread it to others."

As of the end of last week, 43 percent of the county's total adult population had gotten at least one dose of vaccine and 32 percent was fully vaccinated. Two-thirds of people older than 65 years — one of the most vulnerable groups — had been fully vaccinated.

The county's clinics will focus exclusively on giving second doses until June. Appointments for first doses are still available at pharmacies and through health care providers.

As of April 31, the county's case counts and testing positivity rate suggested a move from the state's orange or moderate spread tier to the red or substantial tier.

But Hoffman said it's unlikely that the state will move the county into the

higher risk tier, which would reinstate restrictions that are now downscale or lifted.

That's due to a recent change in the way the state calculates risk. There are political implications, as Governor Gavin Newsom is facing a recall effort triggered by dissatisfaction over his prior restriction approach.

Despite the uncertainties, the state and the county are eyeing June 15 as the date for a complete reopening and lifting of restrictions.

The week that ended on April 31 saw the county's percent testing positivity rate spike to 9.18 percent. There were 137 new COVID-19 cases logged for the week and an influx of hospitalizations.

An April 29 county press release announced 17 new COVID-19 hospitalizations for the week and a subsequent hospitalization brought the county's total to 161.

Total number of cases was at 3,852 but there were no new COVID-19 deaths last week and the county's total remained at 38.

Arcata's approach

Last week's news conference panel included Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer, who said the city is focusing on "safely reopening" recreation facilities and programs.

The Humboldt Crabs

will have a season this year, she continued, and there's collaboration in support of a strong outdoor dining season as the weather warms up in Arcata."

There will also be audience events. Diemer said 15 venues have been identified for event certification.

Five are in Arcata. Diemer said the venues will host both small and large events.

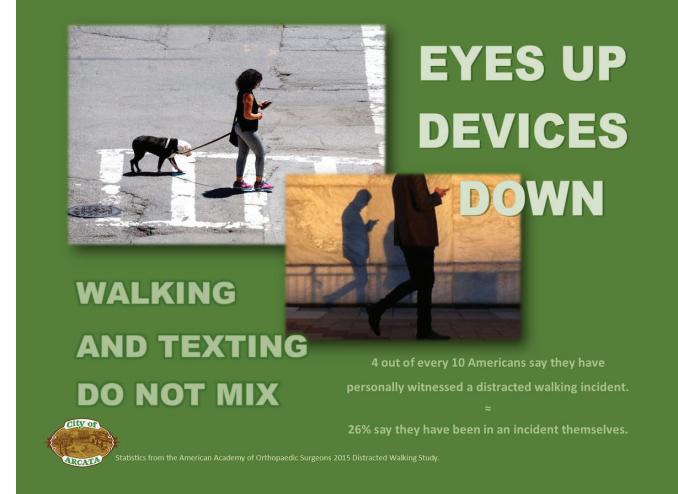
There will also be an Oyster Festival but it will be done differently, with people placing orders and having them brought to their tables rather than visiting booths.

"We're really looking at how to limit contact and keep the event participant in one place," said Diemer.

Indoor weddings and parties are also in planning stages under California Department of Public Health guidelines, with increases in capacity for participants who are fully vaccinated.

"A robust tourist season" is expected in the Arcata region, Diemer said, as "we saw our hotels fill quickly when travel restrictions within the state were lifted midway through the pandemic."

With the mid-June statewide reopening, "We are going to see a very full tourism season," she continued, adding that doing things safely will "encourage those tourists to spend their money here."



Duchess and Puddin are pooches of interest

Week 59. There have been some interesting dogs arriving at the shelter lately.

A litter of seven six-month-old shepherd and cattle dog mix puppies were abandoned (sounds a little nicer than "dumped") on Cock Robin Island in Loleta about a month ago.

So far five have been caught and brought to safety at the shelter. These kids were pretty skittish at first but they are coming around with help from the shelter staff, Redwood Pals and the volunteers.

The first one has been adopted already and the rest are getting closer to being ready. We are lucky to have a county shelter that is willing to make time and space for dogs that need a little extra help.

You can see these dogs at petharbor.com. They are a beautiful mix of shepherd bodies with cattle dog speckled markings!

Shepherds have certainly been on the increase recently. One beautiful girl that Redwood Pals has been working with is Duchess, a five-year-old, spayed female German Shepherd. We have to admit that

Duchess is a little less than lady-like inside her kennel, but outside she is a dream dog! Duchess has some serious training on board, including Sit, Come, Stay, plus easy leash manners.

Duchess is friendly with other dogs and takes her cue from them. She met a tiny dog and gave him lots of room when he appeared frightened of her. She also met the resident rooster and showed zero interest in him.

This tall, lean beauty has had some trials in her life but as she can't tell us, we can only guess at them. Duchess is missing the front half of her bottom teeth and her tongue looks like it has been stitched up (back on?) at the front also. It doesn't seem to bother her though she may need her food softened a bit.

Duchess remembers everyone who has befriended her and will make a very loyal companion.

If you would like to meet her, please contact Redwood Pals Rescue at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (707) 633-8842.

Another lovely dog is big

Puddin. This eight-year-old chocolate Lab is such a gentle fellow!

Unlike your average Lab, Puddin is not particularly interested in fetch or treats.

He does love to be petted or brushed and enjoys following a good scent trail.

Puddin is very good on the leash also. He's a big fellow at 100 pounds but he could afford to drop a little weight.

Puddin would make a



Duchess

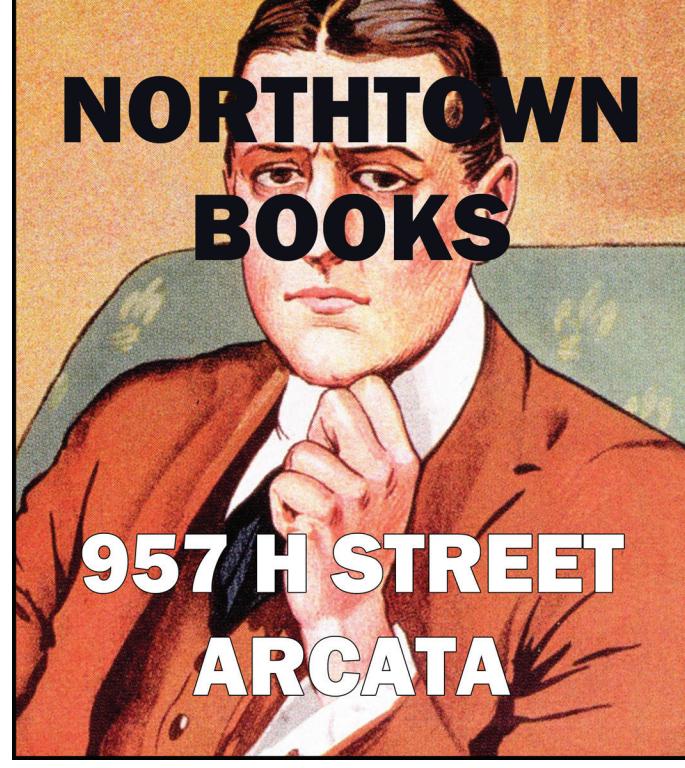
great family dog or an easy companion. We were sure someone would be coming



Puddin

to claim him but that didn't happen. Their loss will be the next adopter's gain!

To meet Puddin, please contact the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132 on a weekday.



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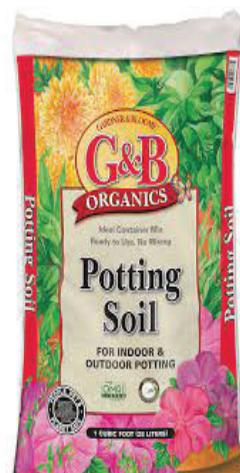
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CSU Chancellor Castro makes virtual visit to HSU

HUMBOLDT STATE

HSU – Joseph I. Castro, the new Chancellor of California State University, made his first official visit to Humboldt State University on April 27. In a whirlwind day of virtual sessions, the chancellor met members of the

campus community and other constituents to learn about important HSU initiatives, programs and community partnerships.

HSU is the fourth stop of the Chancellor's tour of all 23 campuses in the CSU.

"It's important for me to

hear directly from all of you and I don't think I can do my job without hearing all the perspectives," the chancellor said during an open forum with the campus community.

The HSU tour began with a meeting between the chancellor and the CSU First Lady,

Mary Castro, and HSU President Tom Jackson and his wife, Mrs. Mona Jackson. Throughout the day the chancellor met a wide variety of constituents, including student leaders, faculty, staff, labor leaders, and community partners.

Mary Castro, an outspo-



LEADERS Chancellor Joseph I. Castro with HSU President Tom Jackson.

Submitted photo
es and services that help students who are struggling with food and housing insecurity.

"I'm deeply grateful to Chancellor Castro and Mrs. Castro for engaging with our campus community and for his enthusiasm for the people, programs, and place that make HSU so amazing," said HSU President Jackson.

During the Q&A session of the open forum, the chancellor addressed several timely topics such as equity, ethnic studies, and online learning while reiterating his commitment to supporting HSU now and in the future.

"I look for ways in which this office can be as helpful as possible to each of the campuses and in this case, to Humboldt State University, so that it can achieve its goals and fulfill its greatest aspirations," he said. "I've been very impressed with the aspirations that I've been hearing about thus far."

Among HSU's aspirations is becoming the state's third polytechnic university, an opportunity the university and CSU are currently exploring.

"I think it's a good idea to explore and to figure out how it can be part of the future success of Humboldt State and, by relationship, to the whole CSU," he said. "I'm looking forward to hearing more details."

The grandson of Mexican immigrants, the first in his family to go to college, and the first person of color to serve as CSU chancellor, he shared his unique perspective on the role of HSU and other CSU campuses as Hispanic Serving Institutions.

"We have the opportunity to serve students and families from all backgrounds and as a Latino I am very happy that we serve so many Latino students and families," he said.

What being an HSI means, the chancellor added, includes providing multilingual communications to build connections with students and their families. He also praised HSU's strong commitment to sustainability.

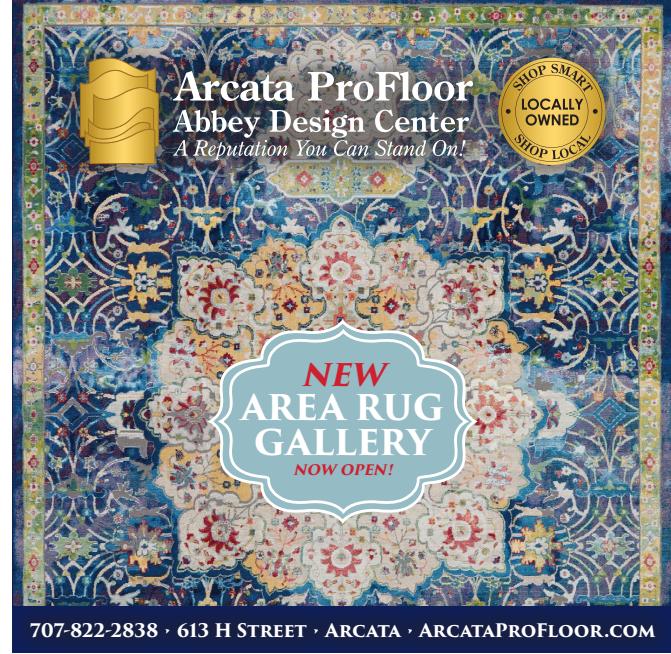
"It's an asset that Humboldt State brings to CSU and I think there are ways in which the rest of the system is going to learn from your experiences," he said. "It positions Humboldt State in a very strong way going forward with your programs and location where you can really be a beacon for that work, not just in our system but nationally."

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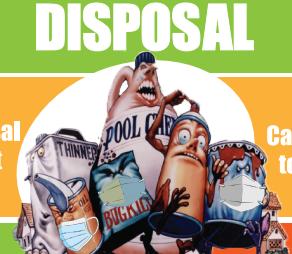
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VIRTUAL FLOW ENHANCEMENT Join Salmonid Restoration Federation and Sanctuary Forest on Saturday, May 8 for a Virtual Flow Enhancement and Restoration workshop to explore the evolving restoration in Redwood Creek and the Mattole River: Evolving Restoration Practices in an Era of Climate Change: The Intertwined History of Two Connected Watersheds.

The Redwood Creek and Mattole River watersheds are intertwined historically, geologically, and from a fisheries recovery perspective. Restoration techniques and flow enhancement strategies are evolving to address climate change resilience and longer dry seasons. Community members from all local watersheds may join an amazing opportunity to learn about what local organizations are doing to

create resiliency in a time of drought and uncertainty.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be available later as a video recording. For a suggested donation of \$10, you can participate! No one will be turned away for lack of funds. To register, visit calsalmon.org/node/1093 or sanctuaryforest.org, or



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tions we can take to address drought, climate change, fire safety and flow enhancement planning in these watersheds that we call home.

STEWARDS MEET

The next board of directors meeting for the Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council, a land conservation and youth investment foundation, will be held via live webcast on Wednesday, May 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.. The agenda includes updates regarding the Land Conservation Program. (916) 297-6660, stewards@stewardshipcouncil.org, stewardshipcouncil.org, info@stewardshipcouncil.org



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You and I can fix recycling contamination

It's understandable if you've been confused about what is and isn't recyclable. New packaging is continually being introduced to consumers, and too often the information on the package about recycling or composting is misleading. For starters, avoid buying what you're not sure is recyclable! Prevent the waste in the first place, at the point-of-purchase.

I reached out for advice from recycling collection expert Richard Gertman, who has designed, monitored, and evaluated recycling collection and processing systems in several California cities. For CalRecycle, he and Susan Kinsella, co-authored *Single Stream Recycling Best Practices Implementation Guide*.

Many of the cautionary recommendations and best practices to prepare local governments for the challenges of co-mingled, single stream collection went unheeded locally. Richard emphasizes that "Collection is not recycling; and landfill diversion is not recycling. Modern recycling collects feedstock materials for manufacturing systems, and thus must effectively support manufacturers' needs to meet production specifications."

Therefore, we need all players in the total recycling loop to responsibly take action to reduce contamination of recyclables:

Producers of difficult-to-recycle products and wasteful packaging must redesign their products and packaging to reduce waste and to make them easier for the public to identify recyclability. Producers must stop their green-wash marketing practices to mislead consumers about recyclability and environmental impacts.

Several bills are working their way through the California state legislature, including AB-842, the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act, to require producer responsibility for their wasteful products and packaging. The time for them to be responsible for the waste they create is long overdue.

Local governments control the recycling system by contracts. Contract provisions determine the recycling collection and processing services to be provided, and specify the results to be achieved.

In the same way that recycling contracts specify collection service requirements, they should also specify processing and marketing requirements, with input from the industries that will use the recovered resources in the manufacture of new products.

Our local governments are the key to ensuring that our recycling system operates at its best. They set clearly delineated contract goals and standards that will be used to achieve an ongoing, healthy system, and they design systems to maximize public participation. Single stream collection systems increase the need for continuous public education. Contracts specify who will be responsible for ongoing public education and how contamination repeat violators will receive swift feedback. Contracts specify frequency and what type of reporting requirements will be most helpful to maintain a quality system.

Humboldt County quarterly convenes a state-required Solid

Waste Local Task Force (SWLTF) to develop goals, policies and procedures to guide the County's Integrated Waste Management Plan, including recycling collection, processing, and marketing.

The SWLTF has formed a Contamination Ad Hoc Committee to meet more frequently to determine improvements and corrections to recommend for local government contracts; countywide, coordinated outreach to the public, picture-based communications, signage, and other urgent actions to fix the recycling contamination problem. It's essential that newly elected city councilmembers and members of the Board of Supervisors become familiar with and understand the contracts for recycling collection, processing, and marketing.

Collectors and processors in Humboldt – Recology and Humboldt Sanitation – recover recyclable materials efficiently while making it as easy as possible for the greatest number of residents to participate. They sort collected materials to meet the specifications of the manufacturers who use them, while maintaining economic efficiency in their own processing operations.

Processing contracts should specify that the contractor report on the market and end use of each commodity and grade recovered. When this information is shared with the community, residents learn the impact of their role in the system. Both Recology and Humboldt Sanitation welcome community groups to see their

operations.

Recycling manufacturers use the recovered materials to make new products that meet the high quality specifications their end-customers demand. The public also needs to learn more about the new products made from their recycled materials. The greater the transparency and communication throughout the total recycling loop, the better opportunity for improved quality and authentic recycling.

The economic development staff of our cities and county need to be more engaged in creating local end-use markets for locally collected materials. Integrating recyclable materials as feedstock in local manufacturing is critical for developing the Circular Economy. When our materials are transported to distant countries and they do not meet the manufacturers' specs, they are landfilled, illegally dumped, or further sorted by people in unhealthy conditions.

Consumers – You and I must first develop a preference for purchasing recycled products and packaging to both support a circular economy and to support resource conservation.

Second, then we set the appropriate recyclables out for the collectors to send back through the system. When confused, follow the rule: "When in doubt – throw it out" to not contaminate and maintain the quality of the recycling system. If you have time, "When in doubt – give a shout" and contact your collector or local government to confirm the recyclability of the material in question.

Both Recology and Humboldt

Sanitation websites have clear instructions about what is recyclable and what is not: [recology-humboldt-county/eureka/resources/humanitation.wpengine.com/waste-management/recycling-user-guide.pdf](http://recology-humboldt-county/eureka/resources/humanitation.wpengine.com/recology-humboldt-county/eureka/resources/humanitation.wpengine.com/waste-management/recycling-user-guide.pdf)

Be sure to keep food waste out of your recycling container. Lastly, we are back at the first point. We must all calibrate our thinking and our habits to the priority order of Reduce first, Reuse second, and Recycle/Compost last.

This hierarchy is more than a refrain memorized in elementary school. It is the foundation for sustainable materials management to reduce climate change and create a healthy circular economy.

We have replaced "reduce" with the term "Waste Prevention" for consumers to avoid waste in the first place – at the point-of-purchase. For one example, rather than buy your apples or carrots in a plastic bag, take your own plastic bags for produce. Look for returnable beverage bottles and the options with the least amount of packaging. Tell your store manager that you want less plastic and less packaging.

Since we stopped separating our materials, many of us have lost touch with how much and what types of waste we generate. Do a waste audit at home and at the workplace. Get in touch with your waste.

Contact zerowastehumboldt@gmail.com to learn new habits for reducing waste in the first place.

Margaret Gainer is the president of Zero Waste Humboldt.

The Armenian massacre sent orphaned emigrants to distant lands

From early on in my study of history, I was curious about my origins. I wanted to know everything. I would always wonder and ask questions. Dad being Armenian and mom being Jewish gave me two distinct cultures to research.

During my research and reading I found that these two groups shared similar events and prejudices. All of this was worth the effort. After I became a high school history teacher, my students participated in lessons and debates over events which involved these cultures.

Abdul Hamid II, an Ottoman Turk came to power in at the age of 34 in 1876. Nationalism, pride in one's country, had taken hold in other places around the World. After the Berlin Conference, 1884-5, European States gave weapons to the Armenians in the eastern part of the Ottoman Empire.

Hamid's failures forced him to change focus. He now took strong control of the Ottoman Empire at home. He dissolved the parliament. And began to in-act laws to curb minorities and give more power to the Turks with the country. The Turks and Kurds began to control the Armenian population by force.

During 1894 to 1896 there were a series of massacres against the Armenians in and around the city of Van in eastern Turkey. Van was a population center of the old Armenian Kingdom going back to the 3rd Century BCE.



VINTAGE IMAGE The boys at high school age, probably around 1900. Dr. Reynolds, senior missionary in Van, is at the bottom left corner. Stephen and Sarkis Pazeian are in the second row front top, right.

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Fourteen boys originally from Van, in old Armenia, all became orphans at the hands of the Turks in 1895. After a varying number of years all immigrated to America and eventually ended up creating a small Armenian commun-

ity just south of Kingsburg, Calif. It was called the "Island" because this land was between two branches for the Kings River on the east, north, and west with Burris Park on the south. Sixth Avenue went through the middle.

Letter writing was the means of communication. David Safarjian wrote to Murad Muradian. Once Murad had arrived, he wrote to the Pazeian's. Some of the boys traveled with a girl from Van. A few met girls along the way. It took Murad and his wife from the orphanage seven months to travel to America. Their first child, a girl they named Amelia was born just before the trip started in 1908.

They were almost two years working on the East Coast. Murad worked as a cook. Sam their son was born in Kingsburg. Stephen Pazeian met Agnes Garabedian in Boston, they married and had their first two children before coming across the country to Kingsburg, Calif. Stephen was working and saving money. He was able to get a bank loan for 20 acres upon arrival.

My dad was born in Kingsburg, Calif. in 1917.

There are many sources of information on the events in eastern Turkey 1890s through the 1920s including American eyewitness accounts. The current Wikipedia article has an extensive list of excellent sources.

Michael H Pazeian is a Mad River Union reader.

Liquified prehistoric animals sweetened, bringing the hotness

Wednesday, April 21 9:32 a.m. A 5150 patient's hospital escape path took him past the Birth Center and out into the parking lot as fast as brown socks could carry him. Flimsy hospital gown flapping, he was last seen passing the helipad en route to points south.

1:16 p.m. A shopping cart and cache of bicycle parts was found nestled amid the South I Street marsh flora and fauna.

4:35 p.m. A woman filed a missing person report on her boyfriend, last seen over two weeks ago at a camp "down by the river."

6:20 p.m. A be躬ned, brown-socked 5150 patient, this time with a blanket, again fled the hospital, tracing the same path blazed hours earlier.

Thursday, April 22 6:38 a.m. An unlocked car on Alliance Road yielded its treasures, those being a speaker and amplifier.

9:09 a.m. An unlocked vehicle on Acheson Way gave up its Chromebook and a tablet.

9:11 a.m. A motorhome on Valley East Boulevard had its back axle off and several flat tires, and hadn't moved in weeks. Its classy woccupants was said to spend his days creating a nuisance in the neighborhood.

9:25 a.m. An unlocked vehicle in Sunny Brae Center hosted an uninvited Slithy Tove.

10:13 a.m. When cars doinked together on Sunset Avenue at the skate park, Pickles, the young black dog with a stripe down her nose, got scared and scampered away towards a nearby Northtown medical clinic.

10:22 a.m. A Valley West hotel with standards asked APD for relief from the residential land barge parked out front for the past two weeks. The RV's occupants were using the hotel's landscaping as a toilet and peering into the vehicles of employees and guests at night.

5:39 p.m. A maskless man with a jacket and no shirt refused to cover his angry face used the same writhing, naked rictus to argue with retail workers on 10th Street.

Friday, April 23 8:20 a.m. An H Street business reported a man taking bricks from a nearby cemetery and bringing them to the store's recessed alcove.

11:35 a.m. Someone sugared a vehicle's dino-juice tank in Ericson Court, causing the vehicle to overheat.

12:08 p.m. A door-to-door utility scammer wanted a Stromberg

Avenue resident's PG&E account number, but his attempt at looking official via use of a Navy uniform and clipboard didn't gain his would-be mark's confidence.

3:19 p.m. A bicycle was stolen off the second-floor balcony of a Foster Avenue apartment.

3:36 p.m. A folding ladder was stolen out of a Grant Avenue backyard.

3:57 p.m. A strangeling with a backpack roamed about a West End Road business's yard and into their shop. He asked for a job application, then ran out, jumped over two fences and went into a barn where he got into a truck that was parked inside.

4:44 p.m. A catalytic converter was stolen off a South G Street vehicle, its metals being so precious and all.

7:03 p.m. A man with a beanie and a sleeping bag was out behind a Community Park health club practiced the unhealthy sport of back alley needle use, and police moved the jabber-wacky along.

9:11 p.m. Note to self: when a woman has a restraining order

against you – or even when she doesn't – don't invite her to commit lewd acts with you via Facetime.

Saturday, April 2 3:04 a.m. After listening to two men fiddling with his front doorknob and trying to jiggle it open for an hour or so, an F Street man bestirred himself to call police.

7:34 p.m. For reasons undocumented, things went severely growly between a man who said he was looking for his dog and another guy out at the Marsh. The dog-seeker allegedly assaulted the man, who bopped him in the head with a metal rod.

10:40 p.m. An urban backpacker with a knife protruding from his knapsack had already been warned away from Valley West motel for trying to get into rooms, and now he was back, hanging around/looming ominously. Bowing to the inev, he left before police arrived.

10:44 p.m. A woman somehow broke into a Valley West motel room and took a shower.

11:43 p.m. A woman wearing multiple jackets argued with patrons of a Valley West burger stand in the business's driveway.

Sunday, April 25 10:14 a.m. This time it was a worker at a Valley West business who was complained

about for starting arguments with customers. One patron was afraid to go back in and finish her business because of the scary employee.

4:31 p.m. A person parked at Aldergrove Marsh notified police that because of the rain, he would be reorganizing the contents of his vehicle. He wanted them to know in case they got any calls from concerned citizens over the activity.

5:14 p.m. An argument flared in Courtyard Circle when two unacquainted men found themselves walking down the road in proximity to each other. The one with oink hair and a blue bandanna was smoking cannabis, and the other guy asked him to move over, presumably to minimize exposure to the THC fumes. Somehow, disgruntlement intensified to the point of coming to blows.

Monday, April 26 4:23 a.m. Someone called 911 to have a tick removed from his shoulder.

8:16 a.m. A man's estranged wife showed up at his G Street apartment to ring his doorbell and bang on his front door. She was arrested on a public drunkenness charge.

8:51 a.m. A woman at the ER said that she had been kidnapped and pimped out, but refused to further discuss it with the staff.



OPINIONNEWS

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A range of recommendations and reflections for a better world

Dogged by reality

I sent a letter on the mega-grow and tragedy of the Dog "Sophie," which thankfully missed deadline or whatever. Anyway, after reading the Arcata City Council's opinion (*Union*, April 28) I realize that I may not know what I am talking about and I don't live in Arcata.

I don't know why that neighbor shot Sophie with apparently no attempt to contact the owners. A terrible, cruel thing to do. From my time in the woods, I learned that stray or uncontrolled dogs have been the bane of rural land-owners for generations. Livestock gets attacked, wildlife gets destroyed. One of the first bubbles to pop when people get that acreage is the fantasy that now, finally their dog(s) can run free. No, they cannot.

I deeply resented the neighbor's dog pack roaming my land and scaring off the resident wildlife, some of which I hoped to harvest in season. Plan on starting out with a minimum of a one half-acre rectangle fenced off around your domicile, have a big garden, fruiting shrubs, nut and fruit trees, etc. and a nice, big yard for your dog(s). Later you can expand fencing when funds and plans allow.

Timothy Crlenjak
Eureka

The party of NO

I have voted in every election for over 50 years. For most of those years I voted in California, but I have also voted in Oregon and Washington states, both of which are vote by mail states.

I learned in the 1960s that it was dangerous to sign petitions especially since the FBI and the Republican Party were eager to get their hands on the information attached to those petitions.

I have been followed, harassed and inundated by unwanted mail from both of these organizations. It is odd that the Democratic Party could care less about hounding me.

With this in mind, I am aghast at how many people signed a petition to recall Governor Newsom. We all know this is a political ploy by the Party of NO, the Republicans, to get something they cannot seem to get on their own, the governorship of California. Really, Arnold Schwarzenegger does not count. Ask any died-in-the-

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wool Republican and they will tell you Arnold did nothing for the party.

And how could he? This is the Party of NO. The Republican Party has not said yes to any legislation, county, state or federal, in the past 40 years, except one of the most odious Tax provisions that, in 2017, gave the very most to the least number of people.

They say no to immigrants, poor people, people of color, homeless people, people who disagree with them and especially anyone who is even mildly Democratic. They say no to nominees, invent spurious reasons to not give hearings on justices; they gut any legislation that works to keep money out of politics and claim they do good things.

Folks, while this is a Republic, this country is the beacon for Democratic ideals and has been since its inception 245 years ago. With a two-party system, one party cannot continually be the Party of NO.

Back to the recall. In the 173-year history of the state of California over 200 recall petitions have been signed. In the new case the reasoning behind the recall is appalling.

In this country over 32 million people have contracted COVID-19 with more than 570,000 deaths.

The state of California has a population approaching 40 million, the most of any state, has seen 3.7 million cases with just under 62,000 deaths. Can you imagine what it would have been had the state not taken restrictive measures? The petitioners want the governor recalled because he made them shut down gathering places and wear masks. Really?

Even worse than this stupid reason for the recall is the cost of the election. The recall election will cost the taxpayers, (you and me) \$100,000,000. That is million, folks. How many children could you feed with that money? How many homeless could you house with that much money?

Gavin Newsom is up for reelection in 2022. If you don't like him, vote him out of office. But NO! A small collection of Republicans, primarily in Riverside and Fresno counties, are forcing us to spend \$100 million.

I encourage all of you to go out and vote in this election. Send a message to The Party of No that we will not be intimidated by

the money they spend. We still have unimpeded voting rights in this state. With any luck, ballots will once again be mailed to everyone.

Please vote against this odious recall so we can get on with the business of recovery.

Thank you for listening,
Jan Phelps
Arcata

Lunatic losers

A recent NPR/PBS/Marist survey found that only 6 percent of Democratic men are declining to be vaccinated against COVID-19, whereas a whopping 49 percent of Republican men are refusing to be vaccinated.

What's up with these Republican snowflakes? These so-called "men" can't stand the sting of a little needle? Pathetic. Chuck Norris should kick y'all in the teeth for being such a bunch of bozos! That is if the GOP's current party leaders – Larry, his brother Darryl, and his other brother Darryl – have any teeth left at this point, since Kamala Harris' left jab and Joe Biden's right cross have left these lunatic losers looking totally toothless as of late.

Speaking of late, how much longer is it going to take for recalcitrant Republicans to get a clue about that racist Russophile Donald Trump's so-called "Kung Flu" that was supposed to fade away, according to Don the con, "It's going to disappear. One day, it's like a miracle – it will disappear."

Of course what actually disappeared were the lives of 570,000 innocent Americans, in addition to deranged diabolical dimwit Donald Trump disappearing from the White House in defeat and disgrace, thanks to over 81 million patriotic American voters collectively reclaiming their democracy by firing that fascist fool in landslide fashion.

In the spirit of bipartisan compromise, I say go ahead and build the wall that Donald Trump wanted, but not on the southern border. Build that wall ten stories tall all the way around Mar-a-Lago with spikes on top and armed American guards in watchtowers, not to mention massive moats filled with snakes and alligators outside of the electrified Trump Wall of Treason, just to be sure that former President Agent Orange never leaves Palm Beach again!

Best of all, Mexico probably actually

would pay for this wall, or we can always just send the bill straight to the culprits in the Kremlin. Former KGB Colonel Vladimir Putin's useless insane idiot Trump can rot in his own personal prison, just like Mike Lindell and Donald Trump, Jr.'s favorite cocaine trafficker General Manuel Noriega of Panama did once upon a time in South Florida.

Sincerely,
Jake Pickering
Arcata

Raise a glass to Tim

"You don't know where you are until you go somewhere else." This is one of my favorite sayings and I have found this to be true every time I leave Humboldt County and return.

Despite most news headlines focused largely on the crime and the challenges our community faces, we do live in a beautiful place where people share their wonderful essence in making it better.

We sat around the dinner table last night and read aloud Michael Field's tribute to Tim Gray (*Union*, April 28). While I did not know Tim well personally, I did know him through friends and attending the many Dell'Arte productions he was a part of.

Here is an example where local news is so appreciated and necessary. Celebrating individuals like Tim makes me thankful and aware of the enormous gift people like him are in our community.

As a fellow whiskey partaker, I raise my glass; cheers to Tim and all the joy you brought to others! You will be tremendously missed!

Mairead Dodd
Eureka

Two haiku, just for you

2020: A Strange Year of Illness

COVID came last year,
Killed thousands; one good thing though,
Few colds, little flu.

The Vaccination Challenge

The virus mutates,
We attempt to stay ahead.
Call it an "arms race."

Sherman Schapiro
Eureka

The sun is rising on renewable energy for Humboldt County

This month marks the 4th anniversary of the launch of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority's Community Choice Energy Program. The central objective of the program since we began providing electricity to customers in 2017 has been to advance the use of renewable resources to affordably meet our community's energy needs.

Despite the challenges of the last year, RCEA and our customers are making exciting progress on the transition to a community powered by renewable energy, with much of this early success focused on greatly expanding solar energy production while simultaneously increasing local energy resilience. Some highlights include:

• Redwood Coast Airport Microgrid – Humboldt County has become an industry-leader in the development of microgrids with this project and the other microgrid work of the Schatz Energy Research Center, the Blue Lake Rancheria, and others. Scheduled to be completed and online by the end of this year, RCEA's solar and battery-storage microgrid at the county airport will provide local renewable power to RCEA's customers while also enhancing local energy resilience and emergency-response capabilities.

In addition to these local benefits, this cutting-edge project has provided the inspiration and template for the "Community Microgrid Enablement Program" recently approved by the California Public Utilities Commission that will support the deployment of

microgrids serving critical facilities and vulnerable populations across PG&E's entire service territory.

• Supporting customer solar – RCEA offers a generous Solar Net Energy Metering program that provides a rate-based incentive to customers that produce power on their property, and we've seen the number of RCEA customers with solar on their home or business double to nearly 2,400 since 2017. This program also provides a cash payment to RCEA customers who produce more power than they use over the course of the year -- RCEA issues payments for this surplus solar generation every spring, and this year's total is over a quarter-million dollars going out to RCEA's hundreds of customer-level power producers.

In addition, RCEA's Public Agency Solar Program has helped our local government partners secure over \$3 million in funding to deploy renewable, resilient energy systems at schools, water-treatment facilities, fire stations, and other critical community facilities across the county.

• Utility-level solar generation – RCEA's Feed-in-Tariff program offers above-market rates to community-scale distributed renewable generators in the county. Nearly 6,000 kilowatts of new local distributed solar generation capacity has been contracted to date, with projects set to break ground this year.

RCEA has also entered into a

power purchase agreement with a new, 100 megawatt solar project that will be built for RCEA in central California. Construction on this project is scheduled to begin in less than a year, and once online it will generate enough power to meet about 45 percent of the current electricity needs of RCEA's customers – equivalent to the generation of over 48,000 residential rooftop solar arrays.

The projects and progress listed above give me hope for the future, but we have much work ahead of us. As the primary provider of Humboldt County's electricity, RCEA has to balance the goals of reliability, affordability, addressing climate change, and equity. We cannot rely solely on solar energy and distributed, rooftop-scale production to meet our energy needs while also achieving these key goals. For example:

• The price for power from RCEA's 100 megawatt central-valley solar project will be about one-third of what RCEA is paying for small-scale local solar power (and also, I'll note, well below the cost of power generated from fossil fuels like coal and natural gas). This will reduce our power procurement costs on behalf of all of our customers. It is also important to remember that a rural, mostly residential

community with a tiny population in a mild climate like Humboldt has very different energy needs and local-generation potential compared to other communities around the state and the world.

• As sure as the sun rises, it also sets every day – due to our state's solar energy boom, California has already reached a tipping point where the most costly and technically-challenging period to maintain reliable energy supply is the evening hours after solar power production tapers off and other resources have to ramp-up to fill the gap. Taking a cue from nature and embracing a diversity of resources at a spectrum of scales from small to large will have a

and other emerging technologies, alongside the key ingredient of customer energy efficiency and conservation.

To address the magnitude of the climate change emergency, we will need every tool in the toolbox, and we also need to focus on where we as individuals and as a community can have the most impact.

While we aren't the sunniest place in California, we are actually the windiest: the North Coast has a truly world-class offshore wind resource. Things have been in a bit of a holding pattern since 2018 waiting for the necessary next steps of the federally-managed leasing process for offshore

waters to get moving again, but RCEA has continued to make some steady progress on a

proposed project 25 to 30 miles off our coast and I encourage you to stay tuned for offshore wind energy efforts picking up steam starting this year.

There will be many challenges during the transition to a renewable energy future, and solar energy is only one part of the solution – but a significant new stage of sustainable energy progress for Humboldt County is happening now, and this first big step will be powered by the sun.

Matthew Marshall is executive director of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority.



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

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Arts! Arcata

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA — Arts! Arcata celebrates the visual and performing arts in Downtown Arcata Friday, May 7 to Sunday, May 9.

Arcata Main Street does not, at this time, promote any gathering, snacks or beverages. We do encourage safely visiting showcases of art in Downtown Arcata stores, galleries, and restaurants per County guidelines, staying within allowed capacities and with proper physical distancing, hand sanitization, and facial coverings within businesses and in public outdoor spaces.

Venues include:

• **Arcata Artisans**, 883 H St. — Glass and watercolors by Susan Morton, ceramics and metal by Gilbert Castro.

• **Downtown Arcata** — All invited to become living art with a Mermaids of May themed Ball Gown Stroll, Saturday, May 8 from noon to 3 p.m. The first Spring



LOCAL ART Left, a painting by Carol Andersen on display at Plaza and, right, ceramics by Gilbert Castro at Arcata.



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Sunday Art Market will be Sunday, May 9 featuring Amberz Art, Barbara Caldwell, and much more from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Eighth Street between G and H streets.

• **Arcata Playhouse**, ArcataPlayhouse.org — Outdoor reception and unveiling of Keep the Giant Jolly public art sculpture installation by James Hildebrandt, on Saturday, May 8 from noon to 3 p.m.

• **The Garden Gate**, 905 H St. — Paintings by Joyce Jonté

• **The Griffin**, 937 10th St. — More paintings by Joyce Jonté

• **Hot Knots Boutique**, 898 G St. — And even more paintings by Joyce Jonté.

• **InfuZions**, 863 H St. — Honoring the healing arts for May Lyme Awareness Month: Baltic Amber Resin Art and Crystal Art by Loretta Flemingaite and handcraft-

ed natural products by Jenny Rhae. Offering a special healing arts celebration on Saturday, May 8 with Carley Rose, Uma Till and more.

• **Moonrise Herbs**, 826 Eighth St. — Continuing show of abstract art by Alex Carlson

• **Plaza**, 808 G St. — Paintings by Carol Andersen

Find more information on artists and hours for Arts! Arcata venues at ArcataMainStreet.com.

Pandemic Project: Field Guide to Household Wildlife

Ann Walance and her grandchildren, Vivian Rose Adams, age 11, and John Spencer Adams, age 13, both students at Trinidad School students, made the most of a year during which most normal activities were limited due to the coronavirus.

Beginning last October, they wrote, illustrated and are distributing a book called *Field Guide to Household Wildlife*, which combines charm, wit, and a wealth of practical zoological information suitable for children and adults.

With stories and illustrations by Ann and Vivian on almost every page of the 120-page volume, the paperback book tells of the family's encounters with amphibians, birds, arthropods, reptiles and mammals which happen to have resided in or near their Trinidad, Arcata, Willow Creek and Arcata homes.

Vivian and John's parents are Rose Adams and Spencer Stiff, who live off Stagecoach Road.

Some of the creatures described are frog, salamander, eagle, hawk, hummingbird, owl, quail, raven, swallow, woodpecker, wren, ant, bee, beetle, caterpillar, grasshopper, ladybug, mosquito, pill bug, potato bug, praying mantis, scorpion, spider, tick, wasp, snake, bat, bear, bobcat, cat, coyote, deer, dog, fox, gopher, mountain lion, mouse, rabbit, raccoon, rat, ringtail, skunk and squirrel.

Here is the gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) description: "The fox who lives near your house does not want to come inside, but he does want to make sure you know that the place belongs to him. That is why he leaves a little pile of fox poop on the highest spot he can reach, sometimes on a rock, sometimes on the top of the roof. His voice on an autumn night might confuse you the first time you hear it because he barks a bit like a bird, and he might give you a little growl if he sees you in the daytime. It's OK to bark back at him. This is the only fox that easily climbs trees. A mother fox (vixen) might bring her pups (kits) to your lawn for play time. She may sit on top of the picnic table where she can keep a good eye on them and when it's time to go



CHARMING Illustrations from *Field Guide to Household Wildlife*.

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home to the den she will give a few barks and they will come scampering back. People have trained foxes as pets but they seem happiest in the wild."

In an end note Ann wrote: "Vivian and I have enjoyed finding and learning about these animals...Vivian helped with the stories and did many of the illustrations. We are lucky to live in a place where the animals who enter our homes are not dangerous. Household wildlife in another place might include monkeys or koala bears or guinea pigs. We don't have to worry about alligators, and most of the animals who live with us are pets who love us. But I am ready to be surprised again. Are you?"

John Spencer Adams is business manager, editor and distributor for Family Camp Books. Bug Press printed the books. Copies are available at Northtown Books and Trinidad Museum. Email familycampbooks@publicist.com for more information or to order the book.

Trinidad Head Art Hike

Trinidad Coastal Land Trust presents a Trinidad Head Art Hike on Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Local artist and art workshop leader Margaret Kellerman writes: "Sketching is a great way to slow down and study the natural world at various stops on the trail around Trinidad Head."

Join her on a unique interpretive hike for artists at all levels, ages 12 and up. Limited to six participants. Call (707) 677-2501 to register or email michelle@trinidadcoastal-landtrust.org.

Memorial Lighthouse: Past, Present & Future

Jan West, retired educator and Trinidad Civic Club co-president, will present "Trinidad Memorial Lighthouse: Past, Present & Future" on Monday, May 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom at the HSU OLLI Brown Bag program.

The Trinidad Civic Club preserves the Lighthouse's maritime history and is steward of the memorial for those lost and buried at sea.

Learn about the history and plans for the memorial site at Trinidad Harbor. The presentation is free. RSVP at humboldt.edu/olli/brownbag for the Zoom link.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



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SOMETHING FISHY James Hildebrandt works on *Homeward Leaping*!

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❖ LIVE MUSIC, POPCORN Art unveiling Saturday

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

CREAMERY DISTRICT — As a partnership between artists and scientists, Playhouse Arts coordinated the collaboration of many minds to create art installations in the Creamery District that highlight the unique ecosystem of the Jolly Giant Creek.

Two new public art projects, a permanent sculpture installation and a mural project, will be installed in Creamery District on Saturday May 8. Both projects were made possible through partnerships with the California Arts Council, the City of Arcata and with generous donations from our community.

Over the past year, James Hildebrandt designed and created two 14-foot stainless steel sculptures, entitled *Homeward Leaping*!

To develop his sculpture, Hildebrandt researched the ecosystem of the creek with help from local biologists and environmental activists. HSU student Frank J. Ongondo joined the Jolly Giant team to provide digital resources for the community. Working with the City of Arcata, these magnificent sculptures will be installed along the L Street Bike Path at Eighth and Ninth streets in the Creamery District.

While Hildebrandt built two massive sculptures, the Playhouse Education team partnered with local youth to create a mural featuring the Jolly Giant Creek. Sarah McKinney, Mackenzie Ridgwood and Haley Davis worked with students from Fieldbrook Elementary, and Redwood Coast Montessori to create a four-foot by 72-foot mural that will grace the fence along the L Street Bike Path in the Creamery District.

Each student completed a two foot by two foot section of the mural from their home through Zoom in the Fall of 2020. Through this partnership seventy students created a mural installation that depicts the plant and animal life that inhabit the Jolly Giant Creek.

On Saturday, May 8, students from the project, and sculpture collaborators will be invited to join the Creamery celebration to culminate this two year project. Local band Bandemonium will mark the beginning of the unveiling with music at 11:45 a.m. There will be brief speeches from project participants, more music by Bandemonium and free popcorn to enjoy while guests, and pedestrians join in the merriment of the new public artwork added to the Creamery District.

Creamery District businesses will be open.

arcataplayhouse.org



A REAL HOOT Ken Sobon holding a Northern Saw-whet Owl. PHOTO BY BRENDA SOBON

SAW-WHET OWLS

Redwood Region

Audubon Society invites

you to an on-

line presentation

on Friday, May 14,

at 7 p.m., titled "What

Do You Know About

Saw-whet Owls?"

These little birds

are all around us,

year-round, fighting

out their fierce lives

in our forests and

woodlands. Come

learn more about these neighbors from Ken Sobon, Director of the Northern Saw-whet Owl Research and Education Project in Northern California. Ken is an avid birder, field trip leader, vice president of Altacal Audubon Society, and is now the Northern California representative on Audubon California Board of Directors. For the past five seasons he has been the Director of the Northern Saw-whet Owl fall migration monitoring project. In addition, since 1995, as a middle school teacher in Oroville, he has shared his love of science and birding with students both in the classroom and in the field. Visit rras.org to obtain the Zoom presentation link.

ON THE WATERFRONT Redwood Region Audubon Society will offer a free guided birding tour along the Eureka Waterfront Trail on Sunday, May 16 from 9 to 11 a.m., with leader Ralph Bucher. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please visit rras.org for COVID-19 participation guidelines. Sign up by text/messaging (707) 499-1247, or email thebook@reninet.com with the walk date and name and phone number for each participant.



LION OF THE YEAR The McKinleyville Lions Club recently awarded its Lion of the Year award to the club's secretary, Pat Thomas. The Lions Club is hopeful it can resume its pre-pandemic activities to promote vision health, like the free Vision Screenings the Club conducts in area schools; and services to the community like the popular Winter Express for McKinleyville area school children. Interested community members are welcome to join in the planning for these projects, and other McKinleyville Lions community service projects. Email mck1962lions@aol.com. From left are Cyndi Bainbridge, club treasurer; Mark Nichols, board member; Mark Wainwright, club vice-president; Bob Wainwright, club president; Pat Thomas, club secretary; (obscured) Wendy Woodward, board member; Nancy Henley, membership chair; and Rich Henley, board member. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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Welcome to Seven Seas Surf & Cycle in Sunny Brae Center

We don't have a large number of businesses in the greater Bayside area, so I was excited when the sign for Seven Seas Surf & Cycle appeared at number 64 in Sunny Brae Center.

Owner Benji Conrad is a Bayside resident and he has a lot of experience with bikes. Originally from the northeastern U.S., he headed west and opened a bike shop, Refried Cycles, in San Francisco. He relocated

to Humboldt in 2011 and worked for Adventures Edge for five years, where he got to know the local bike scene. The West Coast also lured him to surfing, so his new shop combines the two.

One of the odd effects of the COVID pandemic has been to make

many ordinarily plentiful items rather scarce. Being at home and having to avoid busy indoor spaces has led many of us seek out interesting outdoor activities.

Some of these scarcities, like the early run on toilet paper or the shortage of seeds, garden tools and canning supplies last fall, have been remedied. Other items, like bicycles, surfboards and wetsuits, are still hard to come by, due to shortages of raw materials (like rubber) and disruptions in global manufacturing and supply chains.

Though he has lined up suppliers, most simply don't have any inventory to pass along. So Benji has done the next best thing. He has brought in a variety of used bikes and boards for sale, and is keeping busy with repairs and tune-ups. So... anyone out there with a bike you no longer need, or one that is due for some TLC... now might be the



SEVEN SEAS Bayside resident Benji Conrad is the owner of Seven Seas Surf & Cycle, the new shop at 64 Sunny Brae Center. PHOTO BY CAROLYN JONES | BAYSIDE CORNERS

time to bring it in. He can even do repairs on electric bikes.

Like most of us, Benji is thinking ahead to a post-pandemic future. He is featuring local art on the walls and hopes to have

regular Arts Arcata opening receptions once we can all get together.

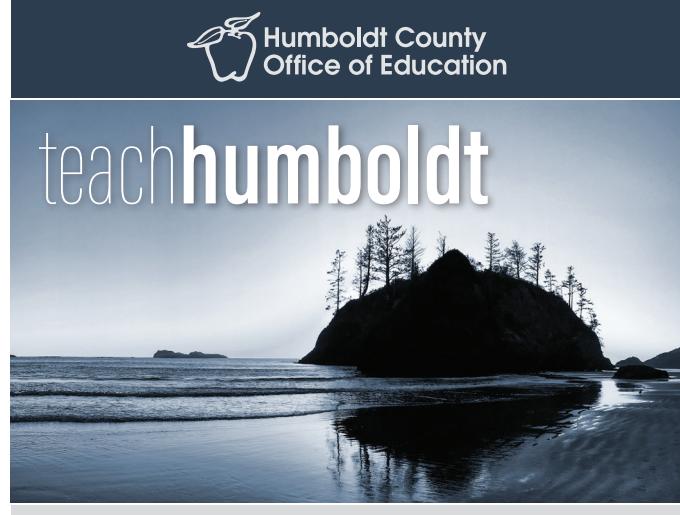
Work by two local artists currently liven up the shop's walls: landscape photography by Jimmy Callian and paintings and digital art by Alex Escudero.

Seven Seas Surf & Cycle is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (707) 630.3309 for more information, or stop by to say hello!

Last week I promised more info about the law-

suits impacting some local grange halls, and that is still to come. Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 13 from 5 to 6 p.m., when KMUD Radio 88.1 FM will host a call-in show about the current lawsuits between the California State Grange and local community halls that were former granges (including Bayside). I'll have some background next week, just before the show.

And as always, send news, comments or random musings to baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com. Thanks for your input!



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